cards and strengthening of other infrastructure.

States were also requested to improve reach to the vulnerable population living in urban unorganised housing.

[*Translation*]

Closure of Sawai Madhopur Cement Factory

6587. SHRI BHERU LAL MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jaipur-Sawai Madhopur Cement Factory has been lying closed for the last few years and if so, the reasons there for;

(b) whether it has been proposed to reopen this industry and if so, the time by which it is likely to be reopened;

(c)whether private entrepreneurs will be encouraged and if so, the time by which approval will be accorded;and

(d) management of this Factory is getting the work done by the workers for the last three years despite the closure of this industry and they are being marked present and if so, whether they are being marked present and if so,whether these workers have been paid their salary during these three years and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF.P.J.KURIEN): (a)The Cement factory at Sawai Modhopur lying closed since 1.7.1988,as it became a sick unit incurring huge losses.

(b) to (d). The proposal regarding rehabilitation/ revival of the factory includes,among other things, payment of arrears of salaries to the workers. The issue of rehabilitation/revival of the unit is before the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR).

[*English*]

Cable TV Programmes in Kerala

6588. SHRI V.S.VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a)whether Cable TV programmes are available in Kerala: and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). The Government is aware of the existence of Cable TV networks operating in various parts of the country including Kerala.As the private agencies do not require the permission of the Government to set-up Cable TV Networks within private premises, the details of such networks are not available with Government.

Commissioning of H.P.C.Plant

6589. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Caustic and Chlorine plant in the Cachar Paper Project of H.P.C (Hidustan Paper Corp.) was due to be commissioned sometime back and the same is being delayed; and

(b) whether the H.P.C has set a new date for commissioning of the above plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K.THUNGON):(a)Yes, Sir.

(b) Caustic Chlorine Plant is likely to be